

## Dark Horses Nightmares of Preconvention Campaigners

THE nightmare of the preconvention campaigner is a dark horse. In the most hideous dream of this gentleman a husky steed, unthought of as a possible winner, emerges from the dust-clouded background, passes the ten-to-ones and the favorites, stampedes the track, and, with foaming bridle, leaps victorious under the wire.

Unless political sportsmanship has altered much since the last presidential election, several dark horses are already groomed, especially in the Democratic stables. Only once in our history has such an equine proved a winner upon the Republican track, and nearly all shrewd politicians agree that such a surprise will not be pulled off at the quadrennial summer meet to be held by the G. O. P. this year.

Four out of the five dark horses that have won in years past have been of the Jeffersonian breed, and you can readily see why such has been the case. In Democratic conventions a two-thirds vote of the delegates is necessary to nominate, while in a Republican nomination body a majority is sufficient. Thus, at the Democratic convention the faction that can shut out the favorites is much smaller than that which can, at the Republican convention, take this means of preparing for a dark horse stampede.

To put it in another way, only 549 of the 1,073 Republican delegates at Chicago can name a presidential candidate, while as many as 729 of the 1,024 Democratic delegates at Baltimore will be necessary to effect a nomination. Thus only 365 Democratic delegates can block a nomination at Baltimore, whereas as many as 549 delegates will be required to prevent a choice by the Republicans at Chicago.

### Keep Your Eye on This One.

Among many of the ultra-Republicans is a deep suspicion that Carter H. Harrison, the Democratic mayor of Chicago, is being carefully and slyly groomed as a dark horse for this year's running. The persistence with which this tip is whispered about behind the Democratic stables is only exceeded by the stealth with which the currying and brushing, mane-plaiting and hoof-painting of this mayor of the western metropolis are being carefully done, behind a stable door, carefully locked.

So keep your eye on Carter H. The silence which envelops his boxstall is ominous. He is just in his political prime—he will pass his fifty-second milestone 'twixt now and convention time. He and Bryan are within a few weeks of the same age, while he is a year and a half younger than Roosevelt, and two and a half years the junior of Taft. He has lately equalled his martyred father's record of having been chosen five times as mayor of our second largest city. Added together the combined mayoralty terms to which the two Carter H. Harrisons have been elected cover a period of twenty-two years. At the time of his father's assassination, during the World's Fair at Chicago, Carter, Jr., was editing the Times of that city, and he stepped into his parent's mayoralty shoes four years later.

He is one of the most skilled anglers and big-game hunters in America. His wife, who was Edith Ogden, of New Orleans, is the author of three novels, a colonial drama, and, like many members of old Louisiana families, a Roman Catholic. As a patron of art, she has been decorated by the French



MAYOR GAYNOR.

Government with the order "Le Palmier."

### A Picturesque Figure.

Another noted mayor looked upon by some as a strong dark horse possibility is William J. Gaynor, the militant ex-soldier of Greater New York. His political career has been picturesque ever since he set himself to work, years ago, at the task of breaking up corrupt political rings within his own party in New York—a crusade which accomplished, with other things, the conviction for election frauds, of the powerful boss, John T. Kane. Before his election as mayor of the metropolis, three years ago, he twice declined the Democratic nomination for Governor. Public interest in him was heightened before last by the attempt of a lunatic to assassinate him when he was aboard ship, ready to sail for Europe. His sixty-first birthday anniversary falls within this campaign year. He is five years younger than Judson Harmon and a year the junior of Champ Clark.

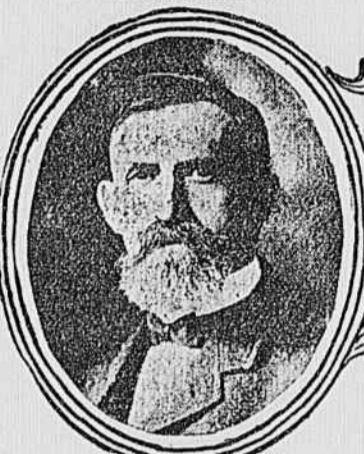
That the mayor's bitter foe, William R. Hearst, is also being groomed as a dark horse to be let loose upon the Baltimore convention is suspected in some quarters. Editor Hearst is forty-nine this month. He expended a large fortune—estimated as high as \$1,000,000—endeavoring to obtain the presidential nomination eight years ago, when Parker was the Democratic choice. With this money luxurious headquarters were maintained in Washington, Clark and Underwood, The Massachusetts Governor will be fifty-four before election day. He is a month older than Theodore Roosevelt.

### Is Called a Likely Steed.

There are many who avow that, if this is to be dark horse year, Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, is, next to

WILLIAM R. HEARST.

GOVERNOR FOSS.



SENATOR KERN.



CARTER H. HARRISON.

Carter Harrison, the likeliest steed of that category. In the event of his entering the race his color cannot be put down as very dark, inasmuch as at the beginning of the preconvention campaign he was frequently talked of for the presidency. But no Foss boomers have appeared in Washington along with those advance agents who have opened headquarters for Wilson, Harmon, Clark and Underwood. The Massachusetts Governor will be fifty-four before election day. He is a month older than Theodore Roosevelt.

There are those, too, who aver that William J. Bryan has, all along, been grooming as a dark horse his running mate of four years ago, John Work Kern, now Senator from Indiana. Senator Kern has lately been active in advocating the passage of the Sherman "dollar-a-day" pension bill through the Senate, his maiden speech made in that body a fortnight ago being an eloquent plea for that measure. He has been the choice of the Indiana Democracy twice for the governorship and twice for the senatorship. He will be sixty-three a few weeks after election day, and is the junior of Judson Harmon by nearly four years.

But to those whose fear of a dark horse may have become morbid, it may be said, by way of consolation, that such steeds but seldom win a nomination. Only five have done so thus far in our political history, and only three of these have been elected.

### The First "Dark Horse."

The first of these made his successful dash as long ago as 1844. The Democratic convention of that year opened with Martin Van Buren as the first favorite. "Little Van" had been Andrew Jackson's successful running mate in 1828, and after being cast aside along for the next four years as fifth wheel of these "Old Hickory" stage coach, had succeeded to the presidency in 1836, but had been defeated, although renominated for the highest office, in 1840. Until the most conspicuous preconvention candidate of his party in 1844. Indeed, he was looked upon still as the active head of the party, for the aged Jackson had retired from the field—and there was no string to his promise not to run again.

When the convention opened Van Buren had three avowed rivals—Lewis Cass, ex-Vice-President D'ick Johnson and James Buchanan. The first ballot showed that Van Buren had received a majority, but as the two-thirds rule prevailed then, as to-day, more ballots had to be taken. But a combine of Southern delegates, dissatisfied with Van Buren's slavery views, succeeded in obtaining the balance of power, and after a long and bitter contest the convention by letting loose a dark horse who had not been mentioned before, or seriously thought of in connection with the presidency.

This was James K. Polk, of Tennessee. He led with 44 votes, to 104 now for Van Buren and 114 for Cass. And for those days 178 ballots. Instead of 729, as now, represented the two-thirds necessary for choice. Then amid great excitement the names of Van Buren and Cass were withdrawn and the convention was swept for Polk in the first stampede which ever took place in a national nominating body. But Polk was a man of presidential timber, although not a "favorite son." In the preconvention days. He had been a member of Congress, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Governor of his State. He defeated Henry Clay for the presidency, and under his administration the Mexican War was won and the Oregon boundary treaty with Great Britain was negotiated.

Outran All Favorites. Eight years later the next dark horse appeared, and a Democratic convention was again the scene of the stampede. Cass and Buchanan were still in the race, as now were also Stephen A. Douglas and William L. Marey. All four were "favorite sons" and great leaders of the party. But after twenty-nine ballots, in which none got the necessary two-thirds, Virginia this time let loose in the ring a new candidate, Franklin Pierce, of New Hampshire. He got few votes at first, but after ten ballots he swept the convention, stampeding all but four delegates who clung loyally to Cass and Douglas.

This dark horse's grooming had commenced but a few days before the convention, and his stable door had been kept well locked. His victory was a greater surprise to Congress and to the country than that of Polk. Pierce, however, was somewhat of a national figure, having served in the Senate and in the Mexican War, as a general under both Taylor and Scott.

There were to be no dark horse victories, now for sixteen years, until after the Civil War had closed. In

1855, when the Democrats met in the only convention ever held in New York—met there to nominate a rival of General Grant—George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, led as the first favorite for many ballots. Other candidates receiving votes were President Andrew Johnson, General Hancock and Sanford E. Church, of New York.

A prominent national figure who was being held ready to be let loose upon the convention as a dark horse was Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, who had lately come back into the Democratic fold after having joined the Republicans during the Civil War. His groomers were holding his bride tight, awaiting the right psychological moment, but they held him too long.

The chairman of the convention was Horatio Seymour, former Governor of New York. After a long and fruitless balloting, his name, apparently without his own authorization, was sprung upon the convention. He balked, refusing at first to enter the race, but after being whipped into the ring went the very next heat. He was buried the following autumn in the Grant landslide.

How Bryan at the Democratic convention of 1896 plunged immediately into the ring as a dark horse, gaining second place even upon the first ballot, although the public had not considered him as a presidential possibility when the convention opened, is history too new to be retold.

### Only Republican Dark Horse.

The only swart steed which ever carried off first honors in a Republican race for the nomination appeared in the convention of 1889. When the balloting began Grant, Blaine and John Sherman were, respectively, the first, second and third favorites. Grant was being pressed for a third term against his will, and Conkling's address nominating the old commander on that occasion is a classic never to be forgotten. Then Garfield spoke eloquently for the nomination of Sherman. The Grant and Blaine forces became deadlocked, and to try him as a possible compromise a few delegates led Garfield himself loose as a dark horse. On the thirty-fifth ballot this hitherto unthought-of candidate had fifty votes, but now the tide turned suddenly and the next he had all except the Old Guard, which stood pat for Grant, and a few scattered delegates.

But, after all is said, this business of breeding "dark horses" is a dangerous experiment. The good candidates produced by such husbandry have resulted more from good luck than good management. There is too much enthusiasm in the process for the good of the party or the nation's health. The fact that most of our vice-presidential candidates have been chosen by this hypnotic method accounts for the fact that very many of them have been weak men, whose success to the highest office would have proved a national calamity.

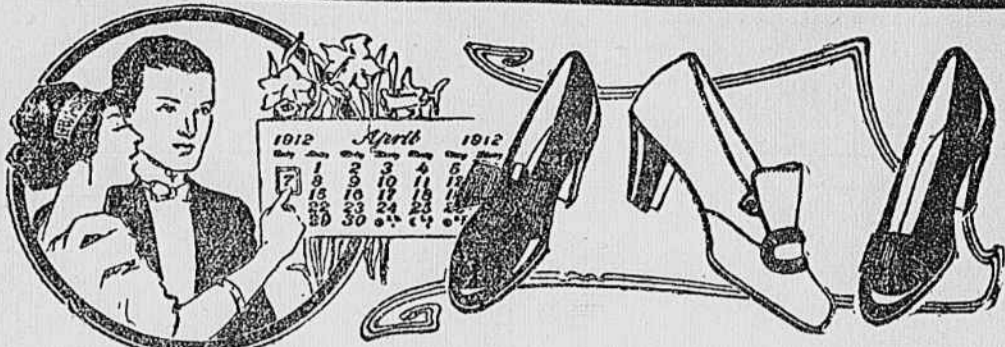
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## WARRENTON

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Warrenton, Va., March 30.—Mrs. A. C. Humphries and Miss Sue Carter, who have recently spent some time in South Carolina, arrived in Warrenton

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Misses' and Children's Canvas and New Buck Button Shoes and Pumps, from \$1.00 to \$3.50 a pair.

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on Monday, and are guests of Mrs. Hugh Hamilton.

Miss Wood, of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. John Webb Tyler on Waterloo Street.

Mrs. Richard Wallach, Miss Edith S. Wallach and Master Richard Wallach, Jr., are at Fulton after an absence of several weeks spent at Summerville, S. C.

E. Nelson Fell has returned to Greensboro after spending some time in Florida.

Augustus Kenner, of Washington, spent the past week-end in Warrenton as the guest of H. D. Hoge.

Frank Pemberton, Sr., of New York; Winston Payne, of Washington, and John Pemberton and William Pemberton, of the Episcopal High School, of Alexandria, spent the past week-end with friends in Warrenton.

Hugh Spelman, of the Gilliam Country School, near Baltimore, is in Warrenton for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. and Mrs. John S. Gaines entertained on Friday last after the drag at a tea.

Mrs. and Mrs. Luther Chamberlain left on Saturday last for Chicago, where they will spend some time.

Miss Mary Wertheimer has returned to Warrenton after spending several weeks in Toronto as the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Sublett, Jr.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church gave an informal reception on Wednesday evening.

J. O. Hodgkins has returned to Warrenton after a visit to Richmond.

Rev. E. S. Links spent several days in Baltimore the past week.

Miss Dorothy Mitchell, of Charles county, Md., is spending some time at Mrs. Hugh Hamilton's.

H. C. Spelman is in Warrenton for some time.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Fletcher and family, of Fairfax County, are in Warrenton for some time as the guests of Albert Fletcher, Sr.

Miss Virginia Hiley returned this week from Brooklyn, N. Y., where she has been spending some time.

A hunt ball will be given at the Country Club on the evening before the Point-to-Point races by the women of Warrenton to the visitors.

General and Mrs. B. D. Spelman reached Elway Hall, near Warrenton, on Wednesday after a stay of several months in Florida.

Miss Fanny Harris, formerly of Jefferson, is the guest of Mrs. John R. Turner.

Miss Josephine Brodas will sail with a small party for Europe about the middle of June to spend the summer months.

Miss Florrie Jennings, formerly a student of the Paquiter Institute and formerly a resident of Front Royal, is the guest of Mrs. Garland Skinner, near Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barelay are at home after spending the winter in New York.

In the city this week the guest of the Benedictine Fathers here,

John L. Baber, of Lynchburg, was in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Baach, who have been spending some time in Greensboro, N. C., and at Mrs. Baach's old home in Baltimore, Md., have returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins have for their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander, of Bluefield, W. Va., and Mrs. George Stupolsky, of Bluefield, W. Va., were in the city this week, the guests of Mr. Stupolsky's mother, Mrs. E. Sweeney.

Mrs. George H. Zimmerman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. P. W. Foff at Bluefield, W. Va., returned home Thursday, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Mary.

Mrs. John Elwood and Mrs. Harry Bowen, of Freemans, W. Va., were in the city this week, the guests of friends.

Mrs. T. Fred Williams and son, of Birmingham, Ala., arrived in the city Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Irvine, of Coopers, W. Va., were in the city this week in the city this week.

Dr. and Mrs. John Paulette Haller, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frazier have for

their guest this week Mrs. Pritchard, of Gray, W. Va., the sister of Mrs. Frazier.

Mrs. John Paulette Haller and Charles Montague Galway, who have been visiting in Roanoke for several days, have returned home. They were accompanied by Miss Virginia D. Haller.

## NORWOOD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Norwood Va., March 30.—Mrs. Russell Akers and baby, of Gladstone, are visiting Mrs. Sidney Bolton here this week.

Charles Elliott Cabell visited Lynchburg last week.

Ned Callaway returned from St. Andrew's Hospital on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Nelson spent the week in Richmond with friends. Samuel and Willie Cunningham visited the Hill City on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson is improving after being confined to her room with pneumonia.

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## POCAHONTAS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Pocahontas, Va., March 30.—Sidney Biech, who has been spending several months with his brother, Ora, in Isla de Pines, Cuba, has returned home. Rev. Father Gregory, of Danto, was